

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested a restriction requirement directed to pending Claims 1-26. The Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Group I, Claims 1-19 drawn to a product; and Group II, Claims 20-26 drawn to a process.

In order to fully respond to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-19. New Claims 27-31 have also been added. New Claims 27-31 are drawn to the same species as the selected embodiment. No additional fees should be incurred by the addition of the new Claims. Furthermore, several pending claims have been amended. The amendments are for clarification purposes and not for reasons of patentability.

If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,



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